



Northeast Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (NEPARC) Annual Meeting
Schoodic Education and Research Center, Acadia National Park, Maine
August 10–11, 2010

CALL FOR POSTER ABSTRACTS

Abstracts are invited for poster presentations at the 12th annual meeting of the Northeast Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (NEPARC) to be held August 10–11, 2010, at the Schoodic Education and Research Center in Acadia National Park, Maine (<http://www.nps.gov/acad/serc.htm>). NEPARC is an active, diverse, and inclusive partnership dedicated to the conservation of amphibians and reptiles and their habitats throughout northeastern North America. Annual meetings are an ideal forum to share current research and conservation initiatives, participate in working group sessions, and to network with like-minded herp enthusiasts in the Northeast. Please visit <http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/neparc/> to learn more about NEPARC's mission and current conservation initiatives.

Posters are invited on all topics related to reptile and amphibian conservation, and are especially solicited for the following topics:

- *Vernal Pools of the Northeast – Biology, Conservation, and Policy*
- *Other High Priority Herpetofauna Habitats of the Northeast*
- *Climate Change: Implications for Northeastern Herpetofauna and their Habitats*
- *Disease and Malformation of Northeastern Herpetofauna*

Posters will be set up in the main meeting room on the morning of August 10th and can remain up throughout the meeting. A special poster session will held on the afternoon of August 10th and during this time the authors will be asked to stand by their posters to answer questions and discuss their work with meeting participants.

The **DEADLINE** for submitting Poster abstracts is **July 15, 2010**.

Meeting registration fees are low to encourage participation by all new and existing members of the NEPARC community. The registration fee schedule follows and includes all meals for both days. Please register for the annual meeting soon at <http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/neparc/>.

- Early Registration (before June 15, 2010): \$80
- Late Registration: \$99

HOW TO SUBMIT POSTER ABSTRACTS:

Poster abstracts must be submitted electronically **by July 15, 2010**. Submit abstracts to Dave Golden (dgolden@hughes.net) - Subject heading should be 'NEPARC abstract - 'Last name-First name'. Include the abstract as an attachment (Microsoft Word). See Instructions for Preparing Abstracts (below) for formatting requirements.

Instructions for Preparing Abstracts

Please read carefully and follow all directions.

- Abstracts should informatively summarize the contents of the oral or poster presentation and give important conclusions.
- Titles must be less than 20 words. Capitalize only the first letter of each word.
- Text of abstracts must be less than 250 words in length.
- Use Times New Roman (12 point) for text and include only one space after periods. Italicize all scientific names.
- List senior author first and indicate the presenting author by following their name with an asterisk. List the authors as you would like them to appear in the printed abstract volume.
- Authors' names must be followed by their affiliated department name, organization name, address, city, state and zip code, and email.

Sample Abstract (from 2009 NEPARC Meeting)

TITLE:

PARC's Important Herp Areas: Identifying a Network of Priority Habitats for Amphibians and Reptiles in North America

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ABSTRACT:

Reptiles and amphibians are experiencing exceptional declines among North American vertebrates with habitat loss and fragmentation among the leading threats to both groups. The goal of an Important Herp Area (IHA) system is to identify valuable habitat for priority herpetofauna throughout the U.S. using a system informed by scientific criteria and expert review. Over the last year, the National Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (PARC) IHA Task Team has worked to produce a draft set of model criteria and associated implementation plans that could be used for designation of IHAs in each state. Model criteria draw on the concepts of species rarity, regional species richness, and landscape integrity as tools

for shaping the boundaries of potential IHA candidates. It is anticipated that each regional PARC organization will form a task team to take charge of the IHA site selection process for individual states within their region. By introducing the IHA concept, model selection criteria, and a proposed organizational structure for implementation, this talk hopes to stimulate critical feedback and support for initiating a national model for IHAs that targets limited conservation resources toward portions of the landscape most valuable to reptiles and amphibians.